

November 1, 2016

Dear Choice Administrator:

Within the case of *Davis v. Grover*, Trial Court Opinion, Dane County (8-6-90), Judge Susan Steingass ruled the attached list of student rights to be applied to private schools participating in the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program. The judge also ruled that the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has an obligation to advise participating schools of these state and federal provisions.

As administrator of the school, acknowledge that you have received this letter by checking the appropriate box and submitting the acknowledgement to the DPI along with your 2017-18 Intent to Participate form.

Sincerely,

Tony Evers, PhD State Superintendent

Attachment

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STUDENT RIGHTS

- 1. The Wisconsin Pupil Nondiscrimination Act, s. 118.13, and PI 9, which prohibits discrimination against students on the grounds of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.
- 2. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1681 et. seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs.
- 3. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6101 et. seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities.
- 4. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794 et. seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities. To comply with Section 504, the Department of Public Instruction must assure that no qualified handicapped persons are excluded from its programs; and must assure that all handicapped students in funded placements have opportunity for a free appropriate education.
- 5. The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g, 34 CFR 99, which regulates access and release of student educational records.
- 6. All federal and state constitutional guarantees protecting the rights and liberties of individuals, including freedom of religion, expression, association, against unreasonable search and seizure, equal protection, and due process.
- 7. All regulations, guidelines, and standards lawfully adopted under the above statutes by the appropriate administrative agency.
- 8. Pupils charged with misconduct and subject to suspension or expulsion shall be accorded state and federal constitutional due process of law.

Attachment to State Superintendent letter to Choice School Administrators